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INFO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA IMMEDIATE

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EXDIS, FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CG

SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO FOREIGN MINISTER GARBA

YOU SHOULD ARRANGE TO DELIVER PROMPTLY THE FOLLOWING
LETTER FROM ME TO FOREIGN MINISTER GARBA AND USE THE
OCCASION TO DISCUSS HIS UPCOMING VISIT TO KINSHASA AND
LUANDA:

QUOTE:

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

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I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WILL BE RETURNING SHORTLY TO
KINSHASA AND LUANDA TO CONTINUE YOUR VITAL MISSION OF
MEDIATION. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR VIEWS
OF THE SITUATION THROUGH OUR AMBASSADOR, AS WELL AS
THE VIGOR WITH WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN PRESSING THE TWO
SIDES TO MOVE FORWARD TO END THE FIGHTING AND SETTLE

OUTSTANDING ISSUES BETWEEN THEM.

WE SHARE YOUR APPRECIATION OF THE DANGER OF ESCALATION WHICH
UNDERScores THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING UP MAXIMUM PRESSURE
ON THE PARTIES AND THEIR SUPPORTERS TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT
AND TO MOVE QUICKLY TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE.

WE WANT TO BE HELPFUL IN THIS SITUATION. BEFORE THE INVA-
SION TOOK PLACE, WE DISCUSSED WITH THE UNHCR THE POSSIB-
ILITY OF MOVING THE REFUGEES ALONG THE ANGOLAN-ZAIRE-
CABINDA BORDER TO PLACES WHERE THEY CAN RECEIVE BETTER
CARE AND WHICH ARE ALSO LESS EXPOSED TO BORDER INCIDENTS.
PERHAPS THIS COULD BE PURSUED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PRESENT
SITUATION. WE ARE INFORMING THE ANGOLAN REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS THAT WE REMAIN INTERESTED IN BEGIN-
NING TALKS ON NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS, BUT NEED FIRST
TO HAVE SOME EVIDENCE OF FORWARD MOVEMENT ON THE BASIS OF
YOUR MEDIATION EFFORT.

LET ME KNOW IF THERE IS SOME OTHER WAY IN WHICH YOU FEEL
WE CAN BE HELPFUL. MEANWHILE, GOOD LUCK ON YOUR IMPORTANT
MISSION.

SINCERELY.

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